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ABSTRACT

The 37th FID (International Federation for Documentation) Conference in The Hague in September 1974 brought together some 150 participants from 35 countries and 7 international organizations. The FID program covers the following fields: (1) theoretical studies and research in documentation, librarianship and information science, terminology, applied linguistics, mechanization, information networks, and classification; (2) updating the Universal Decimal Classification; (3) guides to information sources; (4) information for industry; (5) organization of documentalists and education of users of information. A brief description of the publications, projects, and activities undertaken in each of these fields is presented, as is a summary of the 1974 income and expenditures of the organization. A list of national and international members, international affiliates and council members concludes the report. (Author/KKC)

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A PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

Particularly in recent years the network of experts associated with the FID programme has developed considerably:
- 60 National Members in 1974 (39 in 1965)
- 356 Affiliates in 1974 (170 in 1965)

In 1974, the Centro Nacional de Documentación Científica y Tecnológica in La Paz, Bolivia, the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Tecnológicas in San José, Costa Rica, and the National Council for Research in Khartoum, Sudan, joined the Federation as National Members.

In addition to three International Members, 16 international organizations are affiliated, as well as 179 institutions and 162 individuals from 62 countries, including 14 countries not represented by National Members.

Members and Affiliates participate in the FID programme through their representatives in the Committees and Working Groups. They also take an active part in the publications programme through the publication of committee reports and studies, proceedings of meetings, various language editions of the UDC, etc.

The 37th FID Conference in The Hague in September 1974 brought together some 150 participants from 35 countries and 7 international organizations. The Conference was restricted to meetings of the General Assembly of Members, the Council, the Executive Committee, Committees and Working Groups. These business meetings were held in lieu of a Conference and Congress originally planned for Berlin. The Congress - with the theme "Information systems design for socio-economic development. Retrospect and prospect" - will now be organized in Brussels in 1975 and will also commemorate the 80th Anniversary of FID.

The Council had another meeting in Lyngby (Denmark), the Executive Committee had further meetings in The Hague, Lyngby, and Washington, D.C., the latter on the occasion of the IFLA Conference. Several Committees had further meetings during the year.

As a tribute to his many years of service, the General Assembly elected Mr. A. van der Laan, retiring as Treasurer, an Honorary Fellow of FID.

Publication, by VINITI, Moscow, of a new quarterly journal on information science, "International Forum on Information and Documentation", was approved - the first issue is due to appear in early 1975. Publication of the monthly "FID News Bulletin", beginning its 25th year in 1975, will be continued by the FID Secretariat.

Cooperation with IFLA and ICA (International Council on Archives) was strengthened through the creation of a tripartite liaison committee in addition to the existing bipartite committees for specific subjects.

FID, IFLA and ICA cosponsored the Intergovernmental Conference on the Planning of National Documentation, Library and Archives Infrastructures, organized by Unesco in September 1974, which resulted in a programme for national information systems (NATIS). Under Unesco contracts FID experts contributed two basic papers for this Conference.

Cooperation with other international organizations is effectuated by representation in meetings and working groups. FID delegates took part in the 18th Session of the General Conference of Unesco, in UNISIST Working Groups, the NATIS Conference and various consultative meetings for preparing this Conference, the 40th Conference of IFLA, the 15th Round Table of Archives, and meetings of ISO/TC 46 and 37.

The FID was represented at the International Symposium on Information Systems held in Varna (Bulgaria), a meeting of DEVSIS (Development Sciences Information System), the Second Regional Documentation Centre Conference in Tehran, a meeting of the WFEO Committee on Engineering Information, the CODATA Conference in Erivan, the Conference of Ministers of African Member States responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development (CASTAFRICA), and an Advanced Training Course on International Documentation organized by UNITAR.

At the end of 1973, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) granted consultative status to FID in the Paris and Berne Unions. In 1974, FID delegates took part in meetings of WIPO bodies and action was taken for closer relations with the specialized bodies ICIREPAT, IPC and PCT.

More effective relations with the UN-ECOSOC are being investigated.

PROGRAMME

The FID programme covers the following fields:

- theoretical studies and research in documentation, librarianship and information science, terminology, applied linguistics, mechanization, information networks, and classification
- updating the Universal Decimal Classification
- guides to information sources
- information for industry
- organization of documentation in developing countries
- training of documentalists and education of users of information.

Research

The publication of "R & D Projects in Documentation and Librarianship" by the FID Secretariat as a monthly current-awareness service on new projects was continued. In this fourth year of publication, data on projects collected by Unesco through national information transfer centres (NITCs) under the ISORID programme were included - the 1974 volume gave data on 346 projects of which 49 were received from NITCs. Measures to improve Unesco's input into the system were discussed.

The Committee on Research on the Theoretical Basis of Information (FID/RI) had a meeting in Moscow in April 1974 attended by 27 scientists from 8 countries. The proceedings containing the 18 papers presented will appear in 1975.

The Committee issued in 1974 "Publications on Theoretical Foundations of Information Science. Abstracts of selected publications", and the Russian edition of "Problems of information users needs".

The Committee programme also includes a study of the world flow of scientific and technical literature, and the publication in 1975 of the fourth volume of the series of collected articles on theoretical problems in information science, "Efficiency of information activities".

The Committee on Classification Research (FID/CR) - in cooperation with FID/LD and FID/TM+OM - established the final programme for the Third International Study Conference on Classification Research "Ordering Systems for Global Information Networks", Bombay, January 1975.

The Committee continued publication of the quarterly "FID/CR Newsletter" and issued FID/CR Reports 13 "About a method of constructing information languages having grammar", 14 "Classification research (India): 1968-1973", and 15 "Classification research (Australia): 1968-1972"; reports on classification research in other countries (Argentina, Fed. Rep. of Germany, Great Britain) are being completed for publication in 1975.

The Committee maintains a card file of classification experts, presently containing some 750 names.

A major state-of-the-art survey, prepared by the Committee on Linguistics in Documentation (FID/LD) appeared in 1974, "Linguistics and Information Science".

The Committee programme for 1974/75 comprises the translation of A. Ljudskanov's "Mensch und Maschine als Übersetzer", a bibliography of language statistics relevant to information science, and a collection of language identification guides.

The 1974/75 programme of the Committee on Terminology of Information and Documentation (FID/DT) includes the preparation of a multilingual thesaurus on information science, a review of the current state of terminological work relevant to information/documentation for which a questionnaire was distributed in 1974, and an annotated bibliography of papers on terminology in information and documentation.

The Committee maintains links with ISO/TC 46's Terminology Committee and INFOTERM.

FID/TM and FID/OM, dealing with mechanized information systems, had various consultations on the programme of the merged committee to meet present-day requirements in information systems design and network operation.

A Survey of magnetic tape databanks and information retrieval systems, under a Unesco contract, could not yet be completed.

A study on Education and training in systems concepts and analysis of information systems and networks is being pursued.

Classification

The Working Group for establishing a Subject-field Reference Code (FID/SRC) under a contract with Unesco/UNISIST met three times. After a joint meeting with UNISIST experts in September 1974 an editing panel was set up to finalize the code - now called BSO (Broad System of Ordering) - by March 1975. The panel had its first meeting in November.

The Central Classification Committee (FID/CCC) for the development of the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) met twice and once jointly with officers of UDC revision committees; the Executive Group met three times in addition to the full CCC meetings. Various revision committees held meetings, including FID/C 1 and 2 (reactivated), FID/C 3, FID/C 677 and the newly created FID/C 92/99.

The Subcommittee on UDC & Mechanization met in Zurich under its new chairman Dr. Sydler, who had succeeded Mr. Rigby, author of "Computers and the UDC. A decade of progress 1963-1973", issued in 1975 by the FID Secretariat.

The CCC's publication programme included: further volumes of the Czechoslovak, English, German and Italian full editions, extensions to the Russian full edition; the first volumes of the Italian and Polish medium editions, further volumes of the Serbo-Croat and Slovene medium editions, a new Japanese medium edition; a new Korean abridged edition; a Polish special-subject edition for railway transport; and the third edition of the French manual for UDC users.

A new programme of the CCC is a series of Basic Medium Editions (BME) of the UDC, revising the present series of UDC medium editions, to appear in 1976/1977 on the occasion of the Dewey Classification Centenary Year 1976. The editing panel met twice to plan the programme of work on the BME and to establish cooperation with UDC revision committees for the selection of items in subsections of the UDC.

36 Proposals (P notes) for revision of the UDC were issued in 1974, covering among others, the following fields: astronomy, building, civil and structural engineering, economics, household management, materials testing, mathematics, methods of social sciences, sport, textiles, auxiliary tables for 'point of view', and administrative divisions of various countries. Approved 1973 proposals were published in the official "Extensions and Corrections to the UDC", published by the FID Secretariat.

Information sources

The proceedings of the 1972 UNITAR Symposium, "Sources, Organization, Utilization of International Documentation", were published by the FID Secretariat early in 1974.

In cooperation with nfais (USA) and under a Unesco/UNISIST contract, the FID Secretariat completed the input phase to the master tape of the World Inventory of Abstracting and Indexing Services. Arrangements were made for the publishers check and final editing in 1975 under a further contract. A printed directory and a number of services will be available in 1976.

Under a contract with Unesco/DBA, the FID Secretariat compiled a "Directory of Library, Documentation and Archives Serials" for publication in 1975. This 4th edition will include for the first time archives publications. Both IFLA and ICA have contributed information on titles not previously identified by the directory.

A possible extension of FID's programme to primary information sources is being studied. A proposal for a feasibiblity study on methodologies used in information systems was submitted to Unesco.

Information for industry

The Committee on Information for Industry (FID/II) completed the manuscript for the "Index to Users Studies"; it was published by the FID Secretariat. Also completed was the 4th edition of the worldwide directory of "National Referral Services for Industry" scheduled for publication by the Spanish member early in 1975.

The manuscript of "Selected Readings on Information for Industry" was completed and published by the Committee early in 1975. The Chilean and Cuban volumes and a second edition of the Italian were added to the country lists of "Technical Journals for Industry"; this series presently comprises some 30 volumes.

The Committee maintains close liaison with UNIDO, directly and through its national representatives.

Documentation in developing countries

The Hungarian Member published the proceedings of the 1972 FID Congress in Budapest, "Participation of small and less industrialized countries in worldwide documentation activities and information exchange".

The Committee on Developing Countries (FID/DC) published the proceedings of the 1973 Open Forum in Tehran on "Documentation in South West Asia" and "Sudan: Librarianship, Documentation" as Occasional Publications 1 and 2. The publication of "FID/DC News" was continued, and the second edition of the "Guide to Films on Information" published.

The Committee prepared the programme for a meeting in Khartoum, Sudan, in April 1975, which will include a round-table conference on Documentation Problems in Developing Countries.

The transfer of the Committee Secretariat to Tehran, Iran, is planned in order to conform with the programme for rotating the committee secretariats among member countries.

The third General Assembly of the Regional Commission for Asia and Oceania (FID/CAO) was held in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in September 1974. Subcommittees were set up for cooperation with FID/DC, FID/ET, and FID/II; the desirability of setting up a committee for agriculture was studied. Publication of the "FID/CAO Newsletter" was continued.

Since the size of the region covered by FID/CAO was considered too large for efficient cooperation, a proposal to reduce the region to the countries east of 95° longitude was officially approved. A plan for the Western Asian region is now being developed.

The Regional Commission for Latin America (FID/CLA) postponed its 1974 Congress to February 1975 in Mexico. The Commission continued publication of "Informaciones FID/CLA".

The programme for the 38th FID Congress in Mexico in September 1976 is being prepared by FID/CLA; the theme will be "Information and Development".

Training

The Committee on Education and Training (FID/ET) completed the programme for the International Summer School for Advanced Information Work, to be held in Sheffield (UK) in July-August 1975. Further seminars for French-speaking and Spanish-speaking participants are being planned. The Committee Chairman, under a Unesco contract, made an evaluation of the Unesco training course in Katowice (Poland) on Information Retrieval Systems.

Two projects under Unesco contract were completed, a "Survey of training programmes in information and library science at the university level" and the updating of the 1972 survey on "Manpower in the field of documentation and library services".

The Hungarian Member published the proceedings of the 1972 Seminar in Veszprem, "Education in Information Science". The Venezuelan Affiliate published a Spanish translation of the "Introductory Course on Informatics/Documentation".

The Committee continued a study of the trends concerning the development of information systems and their implications for specialization of information workers and scientists, as well as a study of the problems of training managers for effective planning and use of information.

SECRETARIAT

Mr. W. van der Brugghen was appointed Secretary General, and in December he completed 25 years of service with FID. Mr. H. Verschoor was appointed Senior Assistant in the Classification Department. At the end of the year the secretariat numbered 6 professional and 6 administrative staff members.

Close contacts were maintained with the IFLA Secretariat in The Hague, and the FID accountant was asked to advise IFLA in its financial administration.

Besides publications mentioned earlier in this report, the Secretariat issued the annual Yearbook (with Statutes separately), the Catalogue, and the Annual Report.

In order to increase sales of FID publications a greater effort was made to advertise publications by displays at several professional meetings, by advertising in "Publishers Weekly" and by increased distribution of review copies and announcements.

The Secretariat received some 25 visitors from a dozen countries, representatives from several international organizations, directors of industrial enterprises in Africa, and groups of students from Finland and Great Britain.

Staff members attended meetings in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, UK and USA.

FINANCE

The total turnover of FID operations in 1974, besides the considerable contributions from Members and Committees, rose to 832,400 Dutch guilders (approx. $350,000) against 640,000 Dutch guilders in 1973.

The constantly rising operation cost draws heavily on the Working Capital and serious deficits will continue to occur in the forthcoming years. The Members' dues, not raised since 1967, will be increased in 1976, by which time the working capital will be exhausted.

Summary of income and expenditure in 1974 (in Dutch guilders):

	income		expenditure
dues	304,300	meetings	16,400
subventions	75,600	staff	489,600
publications	250,500	office	127,000
various	34,200	projects	89,300
unused reserves	63,500	publications	105,200
	728,100	various	4,900
deficit	74,300		
new equipment	30,000		
	832,400		832,400

W. van der Brugghen
Secretary General

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Germany - DGD, Frankfurt
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Peru - Centro Nacional de Información y Documentación Científica, Lima
Poland - IINTE, Warsaw
Portugal - CDC, Lisbon
Rep. of Korea - KORSTIC, Seoul
Romania - Institutul National de Informare si Documentare Stiintifica si Tehnica, Bucharest
South Africa - CSIR, Pretoria
Spain - IRANOR, Madrid
Sri Lanka - Department of National Archives, Colombo
Sudan - NCR, Khartoum
Sweden - SINFDOK, Stockholm
Switzerland - SVD/ASD, Berne
Syrian Arab Rep. - Industrial Testing & Research Centre, Damascus
Thailand - TNDC, Bangkok
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USSR - VINITI, Moscow
United Kingdom - Aslib, London
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Centro Internacional de Estudios Superiores de Periodismo para America Latina (CIESPAL), Quito, Ecuador

The Committee for Microbiological and Immunological Documentation, Stockholm, Sweden

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Centro Interamericano de Documentación e Información Agricola (IICA-CIDIA), Turrialba, Costa Rica

The Industrial Development Centre for Arab States (IDCAS), Cairo, Egypt

Interamerican Center for Research and Documentation on Vocational Training, Montevideo, Uruguay

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